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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 17-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 17-29 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 17-31 are pending in the application.

The Election/Restrictions dated 30 January 2007 has been vacated in favor of a new Election/Restrictions.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group 1. Claims 17-26, drawn to a method for the synthesis

aminodihalophosphines, diaminohalophosphines and triaminophosphines, classified in class 564, subclass 12+.

Group 2. Claims 17-26, drawn to a method for the synthesis phosphorous ester

diamides, classified in class 564, subclass 12+.

Group 3. Claims 17-26, drawn to a method for the synthesis aminophosphines

and diaminophosphines, classified in class 564, subclass 12+.

Group 4. Claims 17-26, drawn to a method for the synthesis phosphorous ester

amide halides, classified in class 564, subclass 12+.

Group 5. Claims 17-26, drawn to a method for the synthesis aminophosphine

halides, classified in class 564, subclass 12+.

Group 6. Claims 17-26, drawn to a method for the synthesis phosphonous ester

halides, classified in class 564, subclass 12+.

Group 7. Claims 27 and 28, drawn to a method of removing acids from reaction

mixtures, classified in class 564, subclass 12+.

Group 8. Claim 29, drawn to a method of stopping acid-catalyzed reactions,
classified in class 564, subclass 12+.

The inventions of Groups 1-8 are independent and patentably distinct because there is no patentable co-action among the eight groups and a reference anticipating one member will not render the other obvious. The eight Groups are directed to different processes that require different reaction conditions. These eight groups are different inventions and require different search strategies.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, a search of the eight groups designated above would impose an undue burden upon the examiner, and restriction for examination purposes as indicated is therefor proper.

A telephone call was made to Paul Killos on 7/5/07 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chukwuma O. Nwaonicha whose telephone number is 571-272-2908. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne (Bonnie) Eyler can be reached on 571-272-0871. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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